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SWOOP!

BARNEY--?!

MY
PEBBLES!

TIME TO GET BACK
INTO THE SWING
OF THINGS!



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POST FRUITY PEBBLES
AND COCOA PEBBLES--
THEY'RE
YABBA-DABBA-DELICIOUS!

AT FIRST IT APPEARS TO BE A
COMET, MINDLESSLY
STREAKING THROUGH SPACE...

BUT THIS IS NO COMET! ITS
COURSE IS NOT MINDLESS!

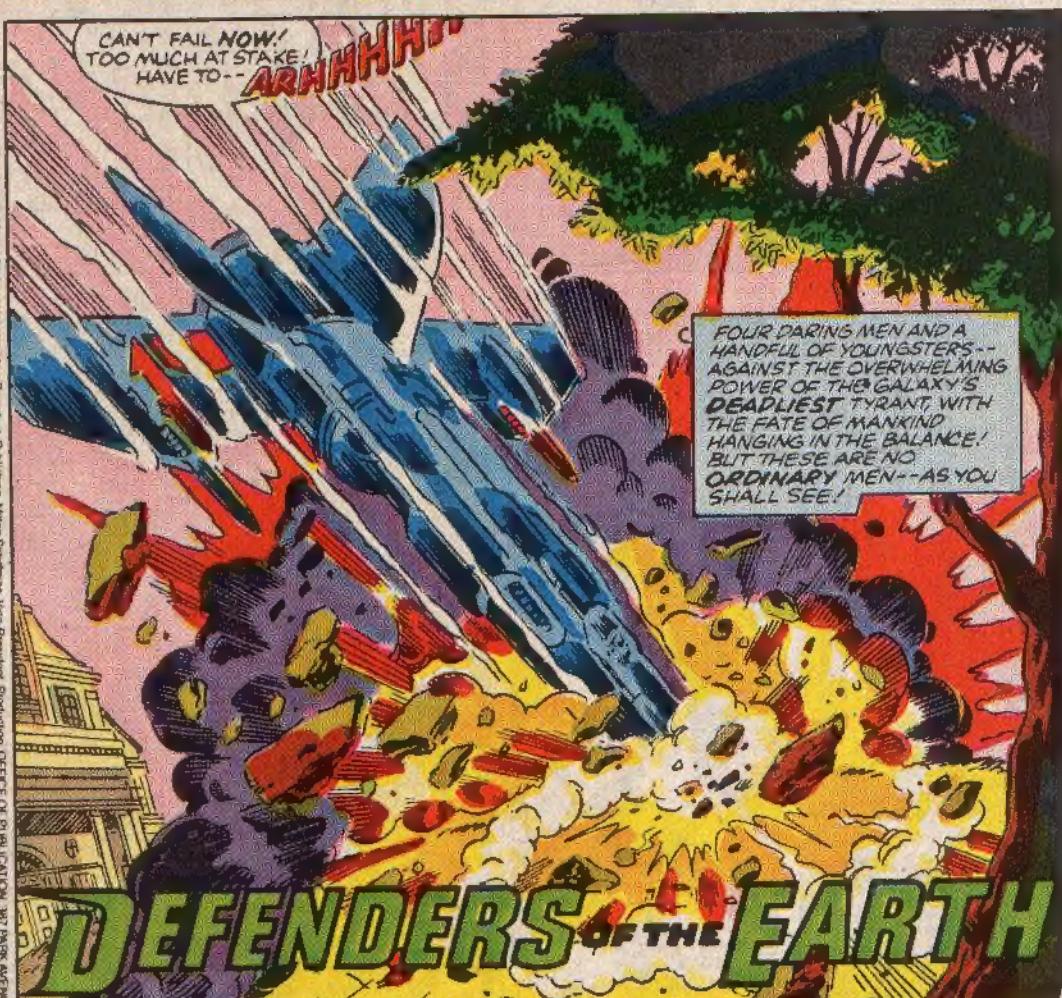
ALL GUIDANCE
SYSTEMS GO!
RIGHT ON
TARGET!

RETROS
DAMAGED!
COMING IN TOO
FAST! NO TIME
TO LEVEL
OFF!



CAN'T FAIL NOW!
TOO MUCH AT STAKE!
HAVE TO--
ARHHHHH!

FOUR DARING MEN AND A
HANDFUL OF YOUNGSTERS--
AGAINST THE OVERWHELMING
POWER OF THE GALAXY'S
DEADLIEST TYRANT, WITH
THE FATE OF MANKIND
HANGING IN THE BALANCE!
BUT THESE ARE NO
ORDINARY MEN--AS YOU
SHALL SEE!



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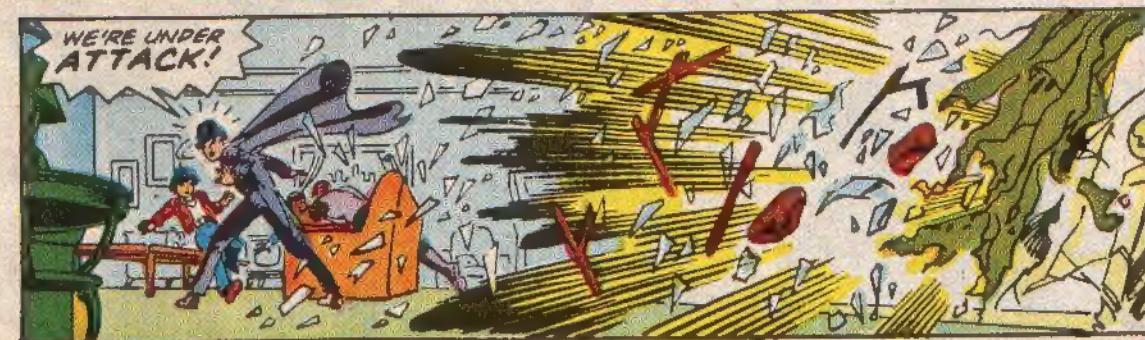
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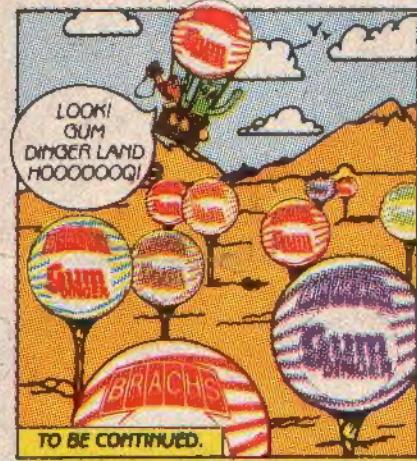




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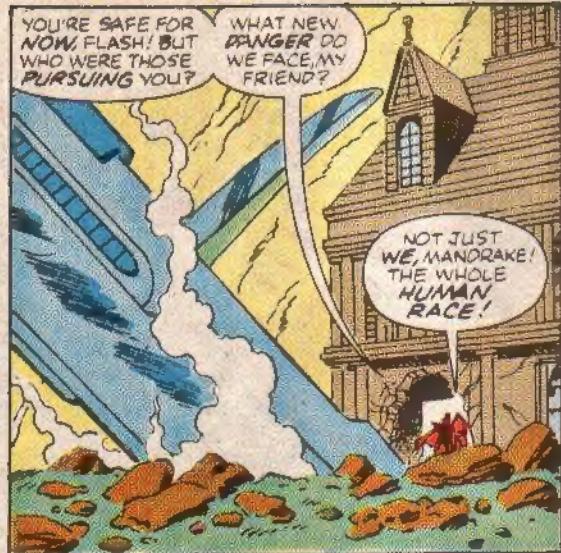
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MEANWHILE, JUST OUTSIDE
OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, ON THE
FRIGID REACHES OF THE ICY
PLANET MONGO...

SIRE, SQUAD
LEADER GARAK
BEGS TO
REPORT!

SPEAK!
HAVE YOU
CAPTURED
THE ACCURSED
FLASH
GORDON?

NO, EXALTED ONE! HE VANISHED AFTER
WE HAD SURROUNDED HIM!

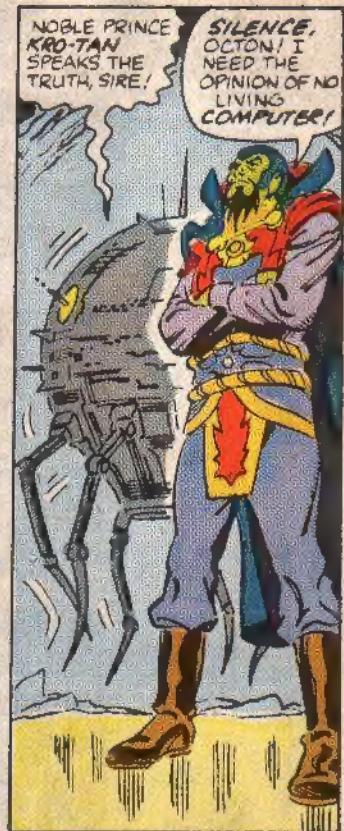
VANISHED?!!
EXPLAIN YOUR-
SELF, GARAK, OR
SUFFER MY
WRATH!

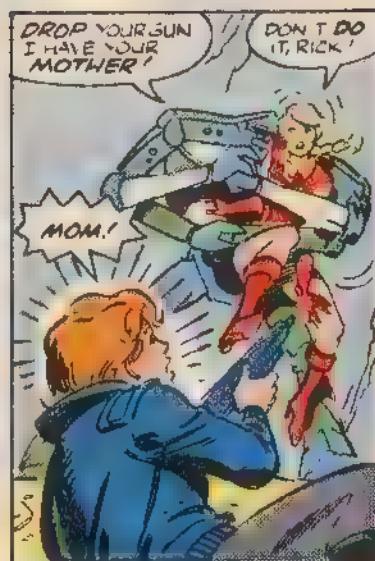
IF MY FATHER
MING CANNOT
GUESS WHAT
OCCURRED, I
SHALL TELL HIM!

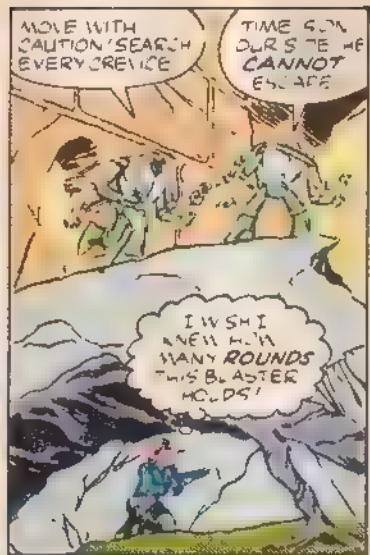
DID GORDON NOT
LAND AT THE HOME
OF MANDRAKE?
OBVIOUSLY THE
MAGICIAN TRICKED
YOUR BUMBLING
SQUAD LEADER!

NOBLE PRINCE
KRO-TAN
SPEAKS THE
TRUTH, SIRE!

SILENCE,
OCTON! I
NEED THE
OPINION OF NO
LIVING
COMPUTER!







TO OTHERS, HE'S KNOWN AS THE PHANTOM! IT ALL BEGAN IN THE 17TH CENTURY WHEN CAPTAIN WALKER, SKIPPER OF AN OCEAN-GOING FRIGATE, MADE IT SAFELY TO THE AFRICAN SHORE AFTER BATTLING A HORDE OF DEADLY PIRATES!

SEEING AS MUCH VIOLENCE AMONG THE NATIVES AS HE HAD FOUND IN CIVILIZATION, HE VOWED TO DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO BATTLING INJUSTICE THERE IN THE JUNGLE



HE CALLED HIMSELF 'THE PHANTOM' FOR GENERATIONS. EACH OF HIS DESCENDANTS CARRIED ON THE TRADITION, WHICH IS WHY THE NATIVES THINK HE'S IMMORTAL!

WHO DARES REVEAL THE PHANTOM'S SECRETS?



BANDAR WARRIOR! WE'RE SURROUNDED!

LET ME HANDLE IT!

NO! I WILL HANDLE IT! I AM JEDDA, DAUGHTER OF THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

JEDDA YOU WERE A CHILD WHEN LAST WE MET!



STAND BACK, YOU ORKISA, MY PANTHER WILL ATTACK YOU!

JEDDA

NO ONE REMAINS A CHILD FOREVER!



HERE'S SOME ONE ABOVE US IN THE TREES!



NOW I REMEMBER YOU, MANDRAKE! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE LAND OF THE PHANTOM?

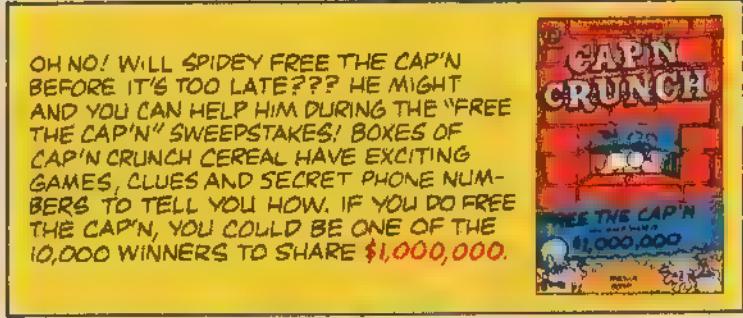
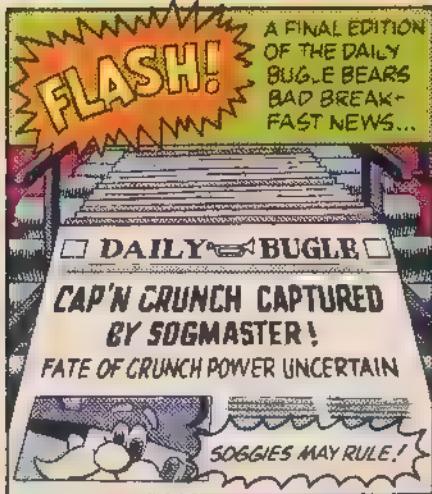
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THE JUNGLE IS RAGING FOR T-ELAND OF THE BANDAR
WARRIOR'S SAVAGE AND FRAUGHT IN TH HER.

B-FALLY CAL'DEN J-LEE
CLEARING, THEY FIND-- THE DREADED
SKULL CAVE, HOME OF THE PHANTOM!

I KNEW YOU WOULD SEE US! THIS IS
FLASH GORDON, WHOSE WIFE AND
SON ARE PRISONERS ON THE PLANET
MONGO!

THEN THEY ARE CAPTIVES OF MING THE
MERCILESS! I CAN GUESS WHY YOU
ARE HERE!

YOU ARE THE GREATEST
HUNTER, THE GREATEST
TRACKER OF ALL!

BUT I SEE YOU
REMAIN IMPAS-
SIVE! I UNDER-
STAND WHY SHOULD
YOU RISK YOUR
LIFE FOR SOMEONE
YOU DON'T
KNOW?

WRONG, FLASH-GORDON! YOUR
FAVE HAS SPREAD EVEN TO THE
JUNGLE!

BUT WITH THE
PHANTOM GONE,
WHO WILL PROTECT
MY BANDAR
PEOPLE?

TISN'T
ONLY THE
BANDAR--

SAY NO MORE
THE PHANTOM
WILL JOIN
YOU!

BUT I MUST MAKE
PLANS FOR MY
DAUGHTER! I DO NOT
WISH JEDDA TO
STAY HERE ALONE!

I UNDERSTAND

IF MING
CONQUERS EARTH, WE'LL
ALL BE VICTIMS!

THAT'S NOT FAIR! I'M
NO LONGER A CHILD!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO--

ELEN
THE GHOST
WHO
WALKS HAS
A FATHER'S
HEART!

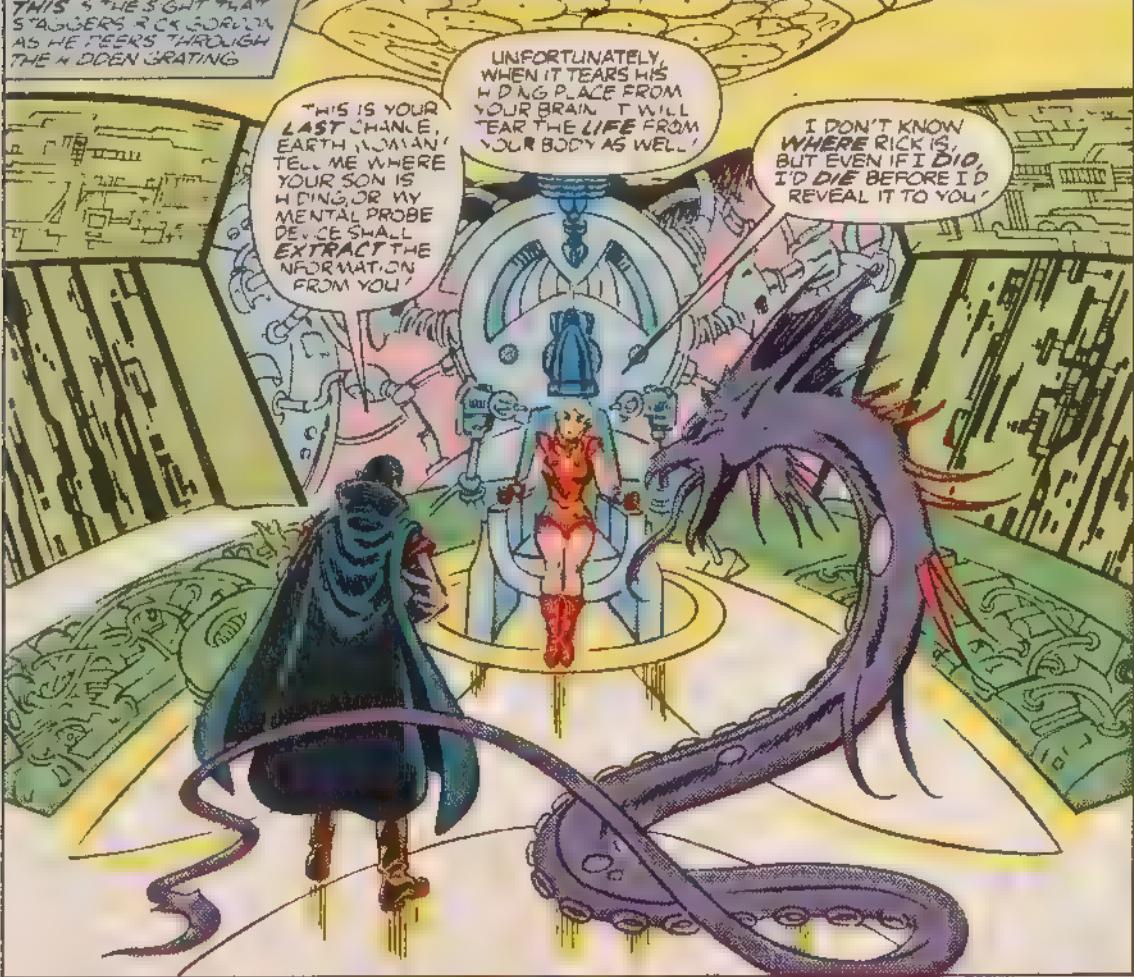


THIS IS THE SIGHT THAT STAGERS RICK SOLARIN AS HE PEERS THROUGH THE HIDDEN GRATING

"THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE, EARTH WOMAN! TELL ME WHERE YOUR SON IS HIDING OR MY MENTAL PROBE DEVICE SHALL EXTRACT THE INFORMATION FROM YOU!"

"UNFORTUNATELY, WHEN IT TEARS HIS HINGING PLACE FROM YOUR BRAIN, I WILL TEAR THE LIFE FROM YOUR BODY AS WELL!"

"I DON'T KNOW WHERE RICK IS, BUT EVEN IF I DID, I'D DIE BEFORE I'D REVEAL IT TO YOU!"



"HOW PROPHETIC ARE YOUR WORDS! FOR DIE YOU SHALL!"

"YOU DON'T FRIGHTEN ME!"

"FOOLISH FEMALE! MING DOES NOT FRIGHTEN --"

-- MING DESTROYS!



HIgh atop beautiful downtown Burbank in the NBC Video Penthouse, the Head Programming Smurf presides over a teleconference strategy meeting with the stars of the Saturday morning lineup.

BESIDES, HE'S A BEAR AND WE'RE BEARS. IS THE COUNTRY READY FOR TWO BEAR SHOWS IN A ROW?

KISSYFUR, YOU'VE ALREADY HAD THREE BIG PRIMETIME SPECIALS, SO WE FIGURE YOU'LL BE A GREAT OPENING ACT.

BUT I DON'T GET UP THAT EARLY.

I THINK I SAW YOUR SQUIRREL FRIEND RUNNING OUT THE DOOR CHASING ONE OF THOSE LITTLE BLUE GUYS.

HE'S A CHIPMUNK, YOU DODO!

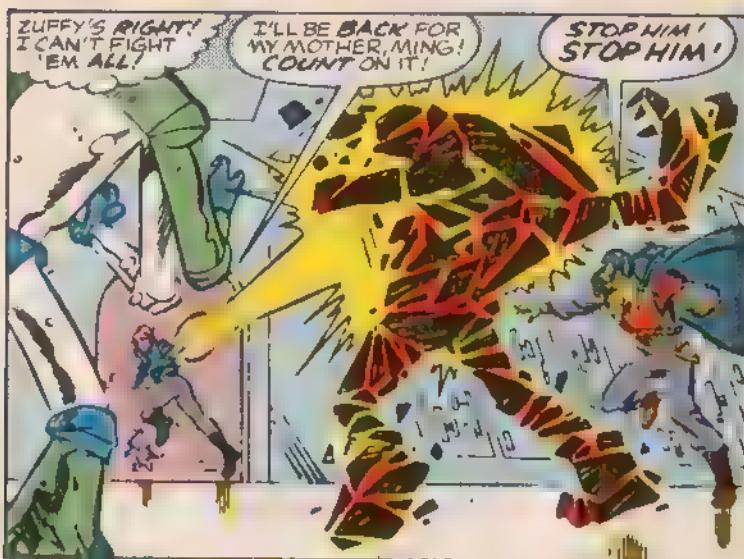
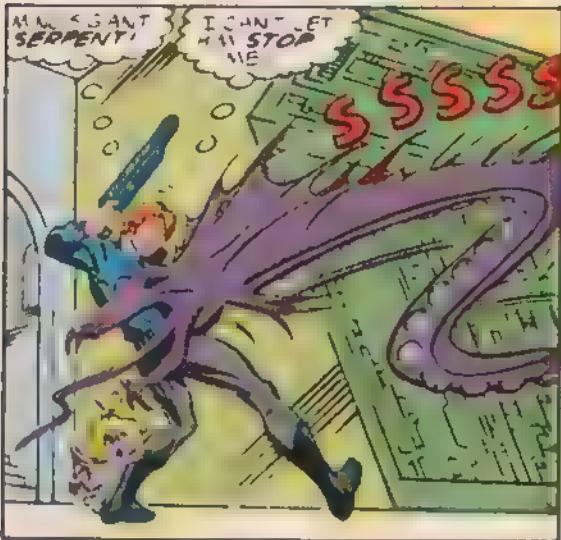
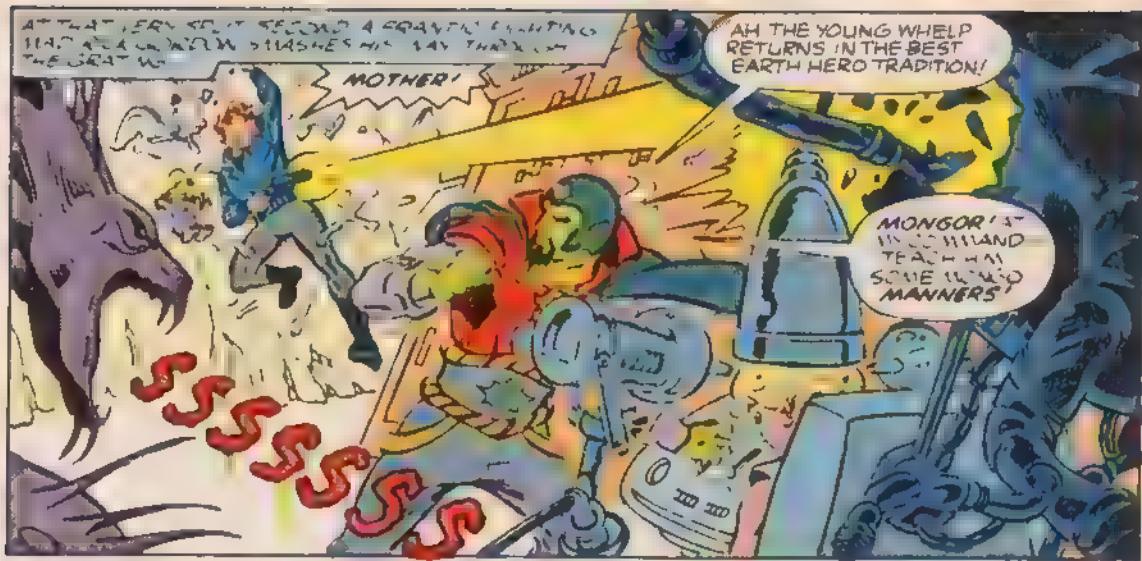
I'M NOT A DODO, I'M A DOG! NAME'S FOOFUR!

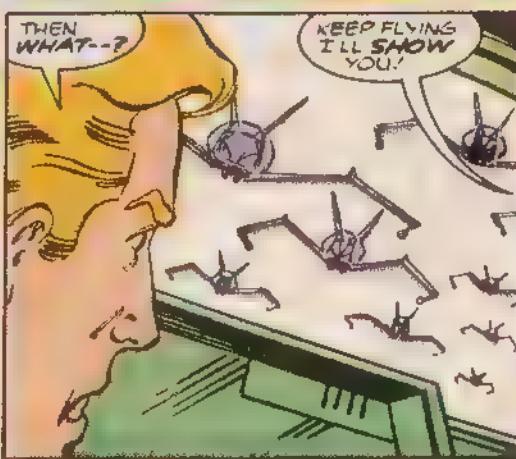
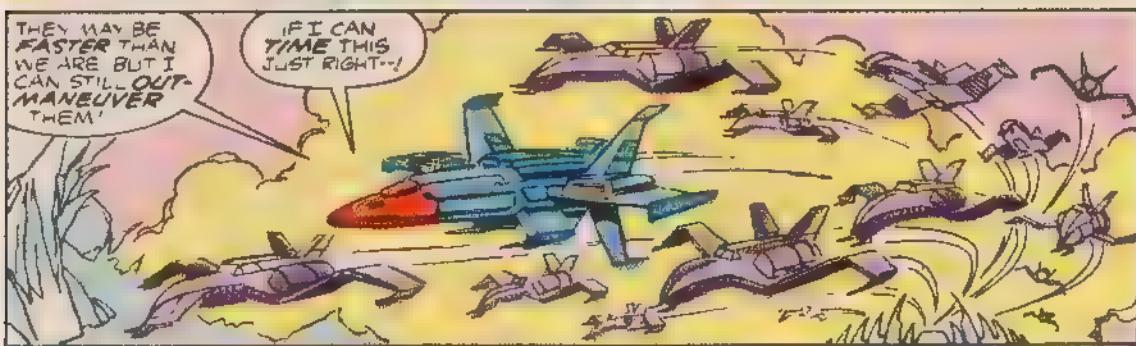
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING ON SAME TIME AS LAST YEAR, ALVIN... ALVIN? ALVIN!

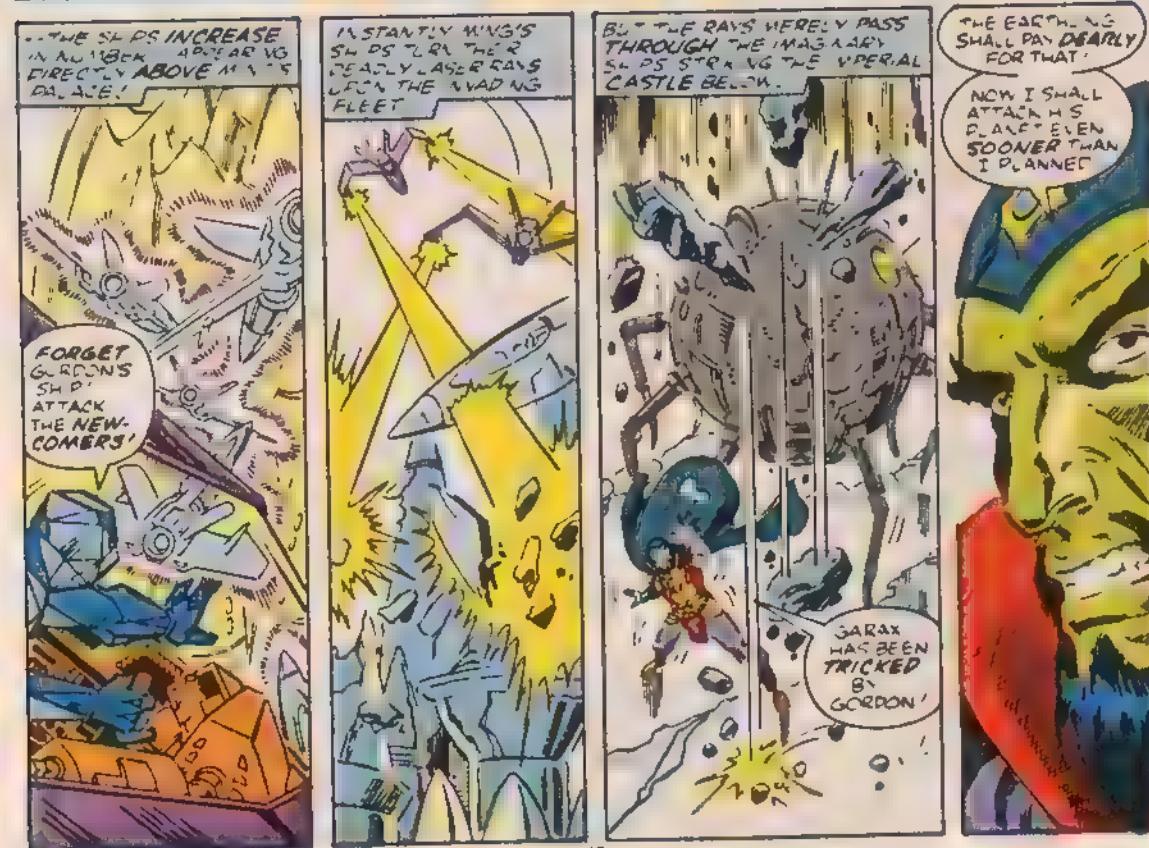
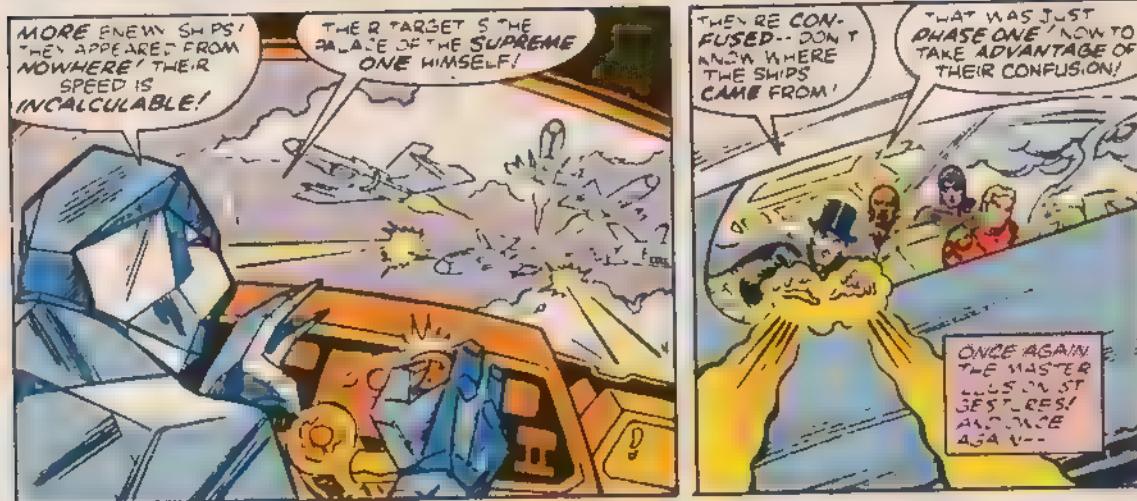
MR. SMURF, I HAVE A MR. GARGAMEL ON THE LINE.



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MEANWHILE, THE MONGO SHIPS CONTINUE TO EAT ULLSOV'S PLANET.



GIVING THE EARTHMEN A CHANCE TO LAND - I SEEN

SO THIS IS MONGO!

WHAT A COLD AND BARREN WORLD IT IS!

NO COLDER THAN MING'S HEART. LOTHAR BEON GUARD EVERY SECOND

NOW, WE MUST FIND WHERE MING'S CAPTIVES ARE HIDDEN!

THAT'S THE PHANTOM'S TASK FOR ME. TRACE EX-ISTS, THE GHOST WHO WALKS WILL END IT

15 MINUTES LATER

I DETECT A NEW HUMAN SCENT!

STAND AWAY SO THAT I CAN TRACK IT TO ITS SOURCE!

THERE I SEE HIM

IT'S MY SON RICK! HE'S IN TROUBLE!



Newton's Fruit Chewy Mix-Up!

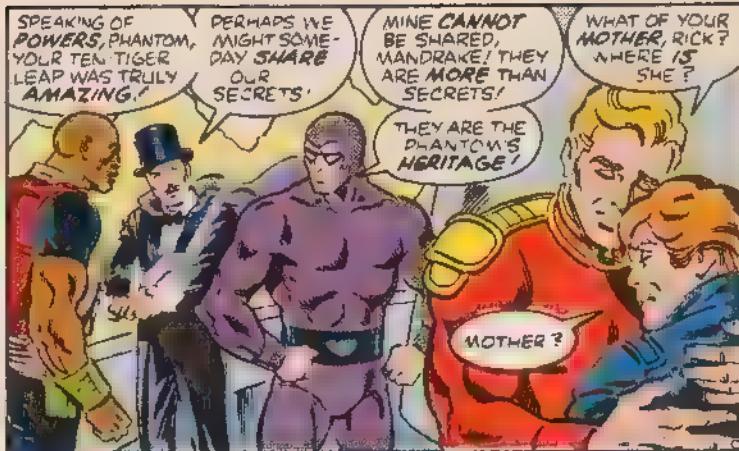


ANSWERS: F, FRUIT, CHERRY, BERRY



Unscramble
the letters
on the left
and fill in the
Fruit Chewy
Newton's
flavors on
the right!
H/NT: there
are two new
flavors!

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MINUTES LATER, A STUNNED
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GORDON FOLDS THE LIFE-
LESS FORM OF HIS
DECEASED WIFE

I TRIED TO
SAVE HER DAD!
I - I TRIED
MY BEST!

I KNOW IT,
SON. I KNOW
YOU DO.

WITH ALL
OUR POWERS--
WITH ALL OUR
SKILLS--

EVEN SUCH
AS WE MUST
SOMETIMES
FAIL!

WHAT MANNER
OF FEND IS
MING--TO SLAY
A WIFE AND
MOTHER?

STAR SIGNALS

I'M A TRAVELIN' MAN!

***** Every year, groups of dedicated comic book fans gather together at special conventions across the country to celebrate the joy of reading and collecting comic books. Since this year is the 25th Anniversary of *Marvel Comics*, Stan 'the Man' Lee (he's the guy who started it all), Jim 'Trouble' Shooter (the editor-in-chief of *Marvel Comics*), 'Amarillo' Archie Goodwin (he runs *Epic Comics*), Sid 'The Kid' Jacobson (you haven't been reading this column regularly if you don't know who he is by now) and I decided to celebrate this momentous occasion at a few of the very biggest comic conventions.

In the past few weeks I've been to Chicago (loved the pizza!), Atlanta (loved the people!), and San Diego (loved the beach!). *Marvel Comics* held a special anniversary birthday party at each of these conventions. There was plenty of food, music and dancing 'till dawn! Of course the highlight of each party was when our official party hostess "Lovable" Lynn Cohen (who usually

runs the editorial administration center whenever she's not busy convention-hopping), wheeled in the giant birthday cake. Talk about a sight to remember! Large enough to feed thousands, it would always have twenty-five blazing candles and a big icing image of a certain familiar web-slinger! (Nope, it wasn't Peter Parker. His turn will come in twenty-three and a half years when *Star* celebrates its anniversary.)

A fine time was had by all! I wish you could have been there!

C'MON DOWN!

***** Have you ever been to a comic book convention? They're actually a lot of fun. There's one being held on almost every weekend of the year in some part of the country. You can usually find out about local conventions by asking at your favorite neighborhood comic book shop. Conventions also advertise in *Marvel* and *Star Comics* and on television.

I always recommend that you travel with a group of your friends. You'll have a lot more fun if you have

someone to share it with.

Conventions are a great place to find old comics that you're missing from your collections. Old comics can sometimes be pretty expensive, but you can find bargains if you hunt hard enough.

You'll also get a chance to see tons of original artwork, to learn what's coming up in your favorite comic books, and to meet your favorite comic book professionals face to face.

That's the best part as far as I'm concerned. You and I finally get a chance to meet each other, to shake hands, and to ask each other questions. It's great! You can make some very special friends at a comic book convention.

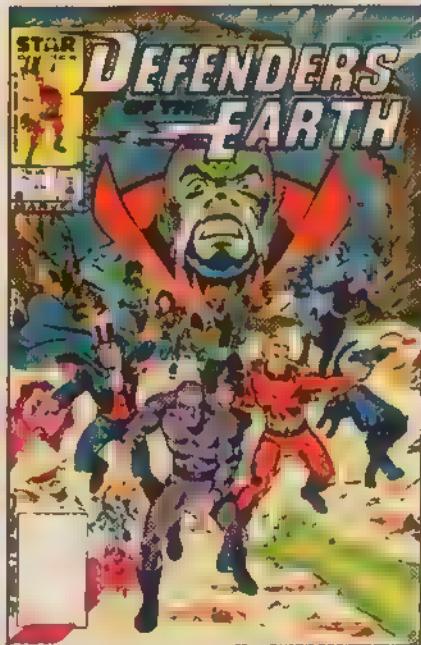
If you ever do go to a convention that I'm attending please stop by and say hello. I'd really like to meet you.

Thanks for being there.

Tom D.

Tom DeFalco, S.T.A.R.
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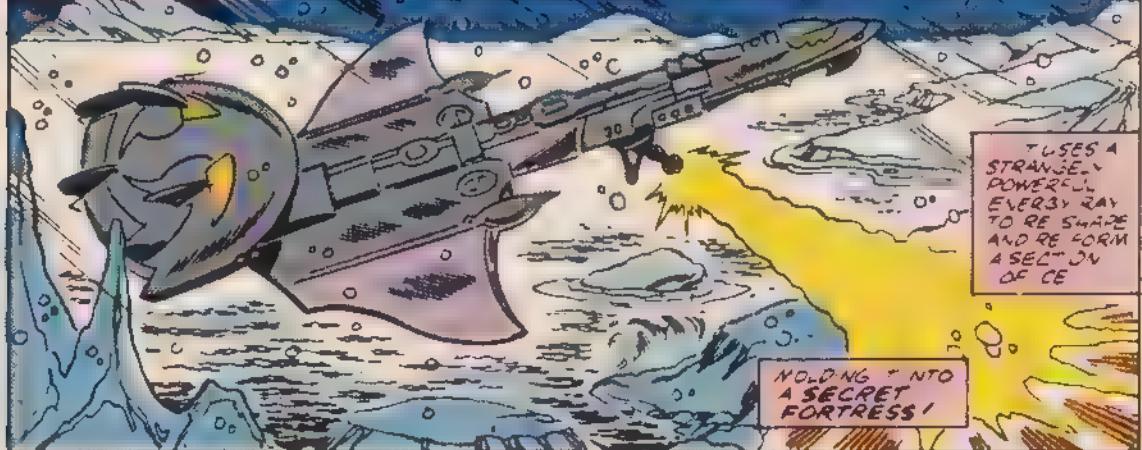
NEW FROM STAR





SOME TIME LATER A GIANT CRAFT IN SPACE SHIP APPEARS OVER THE ARCTIC.

HOVERING HIGH ABOVE THE GLACIERS, HIDDEN FAR FROM HUMAN EYES.



FINALLY FOUR EVIL FIGURES EMERGE FROM THE NOW DESCENDED SHIP.

HENCEFORTH THIS WILL BE OUR BASE ON THE ACCURSED PLANET EARTH!

YOU ARE WRONG, KRO-TAN! EARTH IS A REPOSITORY OF TREASURES FOR US TO PLUNDER!

I HAVE CHOSEN THIS BLEAK AREA BECAUSE NONE WILL FIND US HERE!

WHAT DO WE DO NEXT, FATHER?

FIRST WE ESTABLISH OUR BASE!

THEN WE PREPARE FOR CONQUEST!



LONG HAVE I PLANNED FOR THIS MOMENT! SOON I SHALL CREATE AN INVINCIBLE ARMY! THEY WILL BE MY MEN OF FROST!

MEN OF FROST?

YOUR EDUCATION IN THE WAYS OF VILLAINY AND TERROR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN, KRO-TAN



SOME TIME LATER, ANOTHER SHIP LEAVES MONGO, BOUND FOR PLATE-EARTH.



BUT, BEFORE ANOTHER WORD CAN BE UTTERED,

LOOK! WE HAVE A STOWAWAY!



WHY IS SHE HOPPING AROUND LIKE THAT?

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SO EXCITED!



HE'S HOLDING SOMETHING!

WHAT IS IT, FELLA? WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE?



LOOK! IT'S SOME SORT OF CRYSTAL SHARD!



WHAT'S IT FOR? WHERE'D YOU GET IT, ZUFFY?

BOY, IF ONLY YOU COULD TALK!

SEE HOW IT GLOWS? IT'S EMITTING SOME STRANGE UN-EARTHY ENERGY!



IT'S A PSYCHIC COMMUNICATOR! SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE IS TRYING TO CONTACT US!



THANK HEAVEN I BROKE THROUGH!

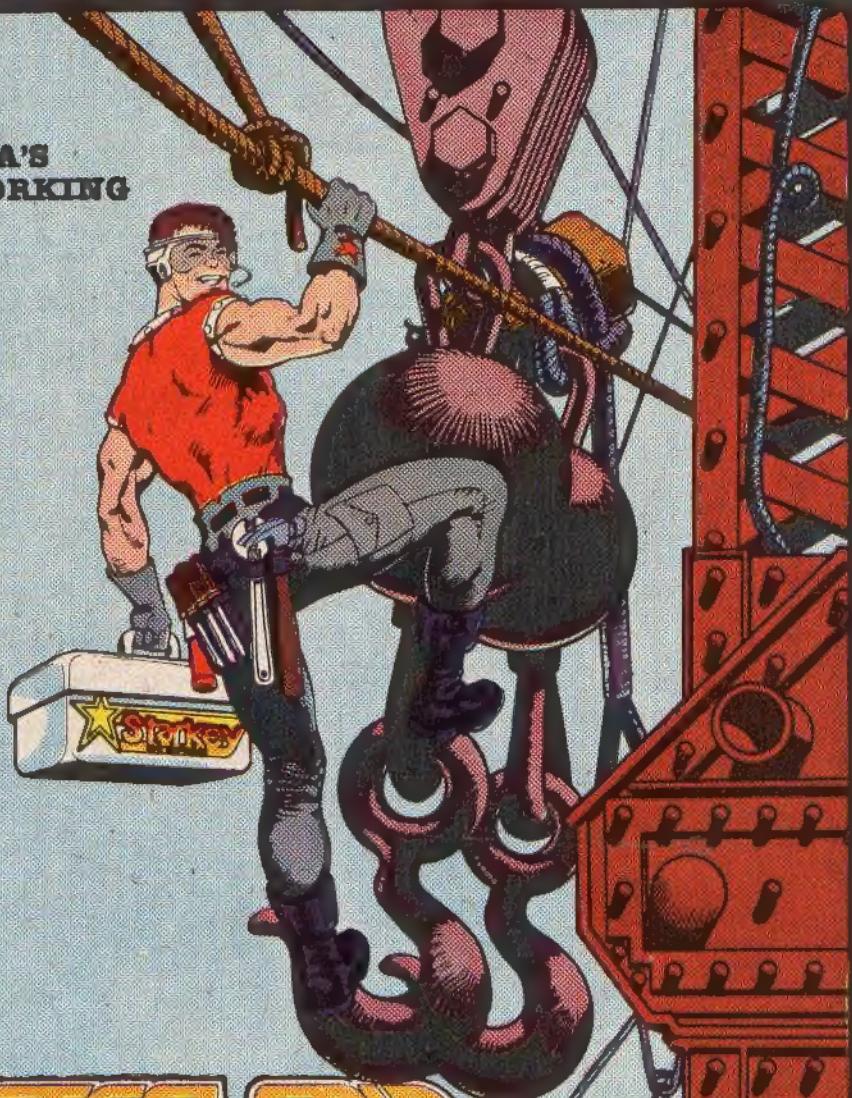
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